

STATE PLAN UNDER TITLE XIX OF THE SOCIAL SECURITY ACT  
STATE TENNESSEE

LIMITATION ON AMOUNT, DURATION AND SCOPE OF  
MEDICAL CARE AND SERVICES PROVIDED

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23. Any other medical care and any other type of remedial care recognized under State law, specified by the Secretary.

23.a. Transportation

Transportation in compliance with 42 CFR 440.170 will be covered under the following conditions:

- (1) Emergency ambulance transportation shall be provided for recipients in case of injury or acute medical condition where the same is liable to cause death or severe injury or illness as determined by the attending physician, paramedic, emergency medical technician, or registered nurse. Coverage shall be limited to one-way transportation to the nearest appropriate facility. Appropriate facility shall mean an institution that is generally equipped and staffed to provide the needed hospital care for the illness or injury involved. The fact that a more distant institution may be better equipped to care for the patient shall not warrant a finding that a closer institution does not have "appropriate facilities". An institution shall not be considered an appropriate facility if there is no bed available.

Coverage of air ambulance transportation shall be limited to situations where transportation by land ambulance was contraindicated because the point of pickup was inaccessible by land vehicle or the time/distance to reach a hospital with appropriate facilities was prohibitive because of the patient's medical condition.

- (2) Non-Emergency Ambulance services will be reimbursed when the recipient's condition is such that use of any other method of transportation is contraindicated. For reimbursement, a physician, paramedic, emergency medical technician, registered nurse, or licensed practical nurse must prepare written documentation that the patient's condition warrants such services. This documentation must be attached to the ambulance provider's request for payment. Assurance of transportation in accordance with 42 CFR 431.53 is provided in section 3.1-D of the Tennessee State Plan.

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23.a. Transportation - Continued

- (3) Commercial transportation services such as taxicabs, buses, vans, common carriers etc. will be covered for recipients who are determined eligible for transportation services.
- (4) Volunteer transportation services such as those provided by friends, neighbors and family members will be covered for recipients who are determined eligible for transportation services.
- (5) The Bureau of Health Services Administration (HSA) and Health System Developments (HSD) through intradepartmental agreements are responsible for negotiating the most cost effective provider agreements between commercial providers and Medicaid. HSA and HSD are also responsible for actually arranging transportation services and for monitoring provider compliance with provider agreements. State employees or other employees of HSA and HSD who transport recipients will do so only as a last resort. Reimbursement for transportation services provided by state employees will be requested at the administrative match rate.

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23.c. Care and services provided in Christian Science Sanitoria

Limited to 10 days per fiscal year.

23.d. Nursing facility services for patients under 21 years of age.

Nursing facility services to include Level I and Level II (other than services in an institution for mental diseases) will be covered. Medicaid will apply medical criteria for admission and continued stay at the level of care designated and approved by the Tennessee Medicaid program.

The recipient on Level I Care must require on a daily basis, 24 hours a day, licensed nursing services which as a practical matter can only be provided on an inpatient basis.

The recipient on Level II Care must require on a daily basis, 24 hours a day, skilled/complex nursing or skilled/complex rehabilitative services which as a practical matter can only be provided on an inpatient basis.

23.e. Emergency Hospital Services

Subject to the same limitations as item 1 (inpatient hospital services).

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